

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

12 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. and Amy Brown called roll.

Present: Perry Beachum, Diane Lawarre, Jim Salzwedel, and Chair Reagan.

Absent: Melissa Spino.

Also Present: Greg Canfield, Steve Donkersloot, Amy Brown and Rich LaBombard.

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENCE.**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by BEACHUM to excuse the absence of Boardmember Melissa Spino.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by BEACHUM approve the agenda as written.

YES: 4 NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by LAWARRE to approve the regular minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting as written.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by BEACHUM to approve the financial reports as presented.

YES: 4 NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Greg Canfield stated that the DPW staff is concerned with the growth of some of the trees on City property, specifically some on Main Street and that the roots are getting too large and will cause damage to our sidewalks, sewer system, etc.

Rich LaBombard suggested we look at columnar variety trees for replacement trees as they do not grow very much.

Perry Beachum suggested Rich LaBombard put together a plan with a cost to replace these trees and present it at the next meeting. Rich LaBombard agreed to do this.

7. **OLD BUSINESS.**

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Comprehensive Tree Plan.

Rich LaBombard asked Deputy Clerk Amy Brown to add the Comprehensive Tree Plan to the March 18, 2019 City Council agenda and Chair Reagan will present to City Council.

b. Arbor Day Tree Celebration.

Betten Baker Dodge will be the recipient of the Arbor Day Tree this year. Arbor Board will either donate or reimburse Betten Baker for a tree that is in their landscaping plans. Rich LaBombard will verify with that Friday April 26, 2019 works for the Celebration Day.

c. Tree Trimming Policy.

The board discussed and reviewed other community policies to draw from and create a comprehensive tree trimming policy for our City. It was suggested we use an Arborist.

d. Spring Plantings.

The Board determined the City's tree replacements for the spring planting plan.

9. **BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

Boardmember Beachum asked if Rich LaBombard was going to designate another day to pick up limbs and branches from the recent winter storms and LaBombard stated there will be another date and that date will be determined when there is a thaw. Beachum then requested a public notice to be posted for these dates and LaBombard stated it will be posted on the City website and our City Facebook page.

Dianne Lawarre stated our next meeting will be April 8, 2019.

Rich LaBombard will verify if there is a standard for donation tree plaques and will report back on what he finds at the next meeting. LaBombard asked Amy Brown to put Commemorative Trees under "old business" on the agenda for April 08, 2019 meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by LAWARRE to adjourn at 12:33 p.m.
YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

James E. Reagan, Chair

Amy Brown, Recording Secretary